

impregnated, not in the vulgar way by a bull, but by a divine influence emanating from the moon.¹

6. Once a year, at the full moon, pigs were sacrificed

simultaneously to the moon and Osiris.²

7. In a hymn supposed to be addressed by Isis to Osiris, it is said that Thoth—

" *Placet*7i thy soul in the bark *Ma-at*,
In that name which is thine, of GOD

And again :—

" Thou *ivJw* comest to -its as a child each
We do not cease to contemplate *thec*.
Thine emanation heightens the brilliancy
Of the stars of Orion in the firmament"³

Here then Osiris Is identified with the moon in set terms. If in the same hymn he is said to ^{Et} illuminate us like Ra ^{5J} (the sun), that Is obviously no reason for identifying him with the sun, but quite the contrary. For though the moon may reasonably be compared to the sun, neither the sun nor anything else can reasonably be compared to itself.

8. In art Osiris is sometimes represented as a human-headed mummy grasping In his hands his characteristic emblems and wearing on his head, Instead of the usual crown, a full moon within a crescent⁴

Now if in one of his aspects Osiris was originally a The ident: deity of vegetation, we can easily enough understand ^{Q^C ^ j^{on} of} why In a later and more philosophic age he should with the come to be thus Identified or confounded with the moon.⁵ ^{TM ° °}ars tc For as soon as he begins to meditate upon the causes of be based

¹ Plutarch, *Isis et Osiris*, 43; *id.* ^ *Asdr Aah*₉ i.e. ' Osiris the Moon,' there *Quaest. Conviv.* viii. I. 3. Compare are so many passages which prove Herodotus, iii. 28; Aelian, *Nat. Anim.* beyond all doubt that at one period at xi. 10; Mela, i. 9. 58. least Osiris was the Moon-god, that it

² Herodotus, ii. 47 ; Plutarch, *Isis* is difficult to understand why Diodorus *et Osiris* ^ 8. As to pigs in relation to stated that Osiris was the sun and Isis Osiris, see *Spirits of the Corn and of* the moon" (E. A. Wallis Budge, *op. the Wild*) ii. 24 sqq. *tit.* i. 21).

³ P. J. de Horrack, ^{<s} Lamentations ⁴ E. A. Wallis Budge, *Osiris and the*

of Isis and Nephthys," *Records of the Past*, ii. (London, N.D.) pp. 121 *sg.*; *Q(Geschichte*
H. Brugsch, *Religion und Mythologie* i. 79) the *der alien Aegypter* pp. 629 *sq.* E. A. moon was
Wallis Budge, *Osiris and the Egyptian*. late and never became
popular. This
Resurrection l. 389. "Apart from entirely accords with the
view adopted
the fact that Osiris is actually called in the text.

Egyptian Resurrection i. 59.
⁵ According to C. P. Tizl

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